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TESTIMONY OF JAY FLETCHER
THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
and YANKEE GAS SERVICES COMPANY

Commerce Committee
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RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 6650, *AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS*

This testimony is being provided on behalf of The Connecticut Light and Power Company and Yankee Gas Services Company.

The proposed bill creates a fund that will provide opportunities for customers that heat with either oil or propane to take full advantage of Connecticut's award winning energy efficiency programs. We support this bill.

For many years, the electric and gas utilities have provided "fuel blind" energy efficiency services to their customers, funded from charges on customers' electric and natural gas bills. Because these programs are funded by electric and natural gas customers, they target electric and natural gas efficiency opportunities. However, some of these programs also fund efficiency measures that save heating oil and propane. This has created a situation where electric customers that currently pay for energy efficiency programs on their electric bills subsidize energy efficiency measures that save oil and propane use. This bill would levelize that playing field, and would create further opportunities for oil and propane heated homes to save money on their energy bills. Currently, the electric utilities can only spend up to \$500,000 per year to provide energy efficiency services to save fuel oil and propane use. These customers must also contribute a higher "co-pay" to take advantage of the very popular and successful Home Energy Solutions program. This bill would allow many more customers to take advantage of these types of programs, without concern for subsidies and at a consistent statewide co-pay for the HES program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Tom Dorsey at (860) 728-4883 or Peg Morton at (860) 728-4881.